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METHODS OF PRODUCING CARBON LAYERS ON TITANIUM Title:

METAL

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of October 5, 2006, Applicants elect Group II, defined by claims 18-32.

Respectfully submitted,

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